GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE UNDER DPEP
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any instruction for the utilisation of foreign aid properly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the UNICEF and other foreignfunding agencies have raised objection regarding the misutilisation of funds by some State Governments; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): In District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) external assistance is utilized by theState Implementing Societies (SISs) on the basis of project parameters approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee prior tothe commencement of the project and funds are approved during each project year through appraised Annual Work Plan and Budget presented by the implementing societies. The Ministryhas been continuously advising and has also issued instructions to all the State Implementing Societies of the project reiterating the need for adhering to the project parameters/norms for incurring expenditure on various components and for proper utilization of the funds released for the purpose. As per available information, neither UNICEF norany other external funding agencies have raised any objection regarding misutilisations of funds under DPEP.